

Capsules of the NEWS...

Medical Network: NBC has announced plans to establish special radio network to broadcast latest medical news to MDs and soothing music to their patients. Medical radio system will run 12 hours daily and cost doctor \$120 a year. It will be carried by frequency modulation in 16 cities at first.

Birth Control: Japan checked potential population explosion with voluntary birth control, according to November's *Population* bulletin. Government eased restrictions on abortions and sterilization, leaving such matters largely to MD's discretion. Result: Birth rate fell from 34.3 per 1,000 population in 1947 to 17.2 in 1957. Annual population growth was lowest in Asia from 1953-58 with rate of 1.2% compared to 1.8% in U.S. More than 92 million Japanese live on land area about size of Montana.

Income and Health: Family income is strongly related to frequency of physician visits, a new Public Health Service survey shows. In families with \$4,000 or more income annually, children under four visited physicians at rate of 7.4 times a year, children 5-14 averaged 4.5 visits yearly, and persons in the 15-24 age group averaged 5.3 visits a year. In families with less than \$4,000 income, the rates respectively, were 5, 2.9, and 4.8 visits a year.

Certification: A New York law requiring certification of individuals representing themselves as psychologists was upheld by a New York Supreme Court. Court said law does not prohibit practice of psychology, but does bar individuals from representing themselves as psychologists unless their qualifications are approved in accordance with the law's provisions.

Lost Liver: Carter Products, Inc., lost a 16-year court battle when the Supreme Court denied it the right to call its medicine "Carter's Little Liver Pills." The court refused to review a Federal Trade Commission order banning the use of the word "liver" and the advertising claim that the product increases the flow of bile from the liver.

Tax Delays: Internal Revenue Service proposes closer scrutiny of requests to postpone filing of income tax returns. Under proposed regulation, persons seeking to postpone filing returns for six months or less must say whether returns were filed on time in each of three prior tax years. IRS would also ask whether payments of estimated taxes for those years were made when due.

Three Changes Sought In Free Choice Position

Clarification of the American Medical Association's position on free choice of physician is sought in three resolutions before its House of Delegates.

AMA's 1959 Clinical Meeting, Dec. 1-4 at Dallas, is expected to draw some 7,000 people, 3,500 of them physicians.

The House convenes at 10 a.m., Dec. 1, in the Main Ballroom of the Adolphus Hotel. It will hear Texas' Sen. Lyndon Johnson and Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn, and will honor the 1959 General Practitioner of the Year.

New York's resolution asks that AMA go on record as not approving closed panel medical care plans, to clarify its June statement.

Oregon wants the House to rescind its June action on free choice in favor of a substitute statement.

Texas seeks to have AMA state that bilateral free choice should be in all medical care plans.

The scientific program opens at 11 a.m., Dec. 1, in the theater of the Dallas Memorial Auditorium.

Scientific and industrial exhibits will be in adjoining areas on the first floor of the auditorium. They will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Dec.



"My patients are beginning to ask for green trading stamps."

1-3, and from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Dec. 4.

Registration bureau for the Clinical Meeting will be near the entrance to the main exhibit area of the auditorium and will be open the same hours as the exhibits.

Members of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Texas Medical Assn. and to the

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MDs Contribute

Millions in Medical Care

Scattered surveys show that America's 196,000 practicing physicians contribute millions of dollars annually in "free" medical care.

In addition, most doctors give strong financial support to charity and devote many hours to civic activities in their communities. Others teach medicine to students in medical schools "without fee."

A recent survey shows that South Dakota's practicing MDs contribute more than \$1½ million annually in free medical services and cash donations to charity.

Charity Care: The average South Dakota doctor spends 10% or more of his time serving patients who are "medically indigent," and contributes \$2,365 a year for charity or free care. Actual cash donations to charity average \$970.80 per MD.

Tennessee physicians give \$9,171,000 worth of free medical service each year, and \$2,992,000 to charity. In addition, they contribute more than \$600,000 worth of teaching time a year at the state's three medical schools.

Through their contribution of free medical service to the state's indigent sick, Tennessee doctors save the state "in excess of \$3 million a year," according to Dr. R. H. Hutcheson, commissioner of public health.

Average Contribution: A survey conducted by Louisiana State Medical

Society revealed that the average Louisiana MD contributes 237 hours of free medical service a year. Estimated value of these services is \$3,531.51 per doctor.

The average physician practices about 55 hours a week, treats 341 patients a year free of charge. He also spends 106 hours annually in civic affairs, 217 hours in professional affairs such as hospital and medical society meetings, conferences and research, and gives \$1,098.88 in cash to charity.

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FDA Berry Ban Launches Drive

The contaminated cranberry controversy this month signaled the start of an intensified government campaign to protect the public from possible harmful substances in foods and cosmetics.

The Food and Drug Administration recently was armed with new powers to safeguard foods from dangerous chemicals, and the Administration is prepared to ask Congress for money to increase the agency's force of 380 inspectors next year.

The White House was reportedly taking an active interest in the problem, and officials were considering whether new or expanded programs are needed.

Increasing Use: The cranberry crackdown focused public attention for the first time on a problem that has been worrying FDA officials for years — the ever-increasing use of chemicals in foods and cosmetics and on crops.

Some of the cranberries contained aminotriazole, a weed-killing chemical that researchers discovered last May caused cancer in rats when fed in large quantities.

Congress has approved two bills giving FDA new powers to curb contamination. These are the pesticide amendment and the food additives measure of 1958.

The pesticide legislation allows FDA to set tolerances or bar pesticides sprayed on fruit trees or crops if it is determined that residues in the marketed product could be harmful to humans.

The food additives measure, which went into effect this year, gave FDA much stronger authority to curb chemical additives used to preserve, improve, or make food more attractive. Previously, the government had to go to court and prove that a product contained harmful amounts of additives before any action could be taken. Under the new law, the food manufacturer has to prove to the government that his product is safe, and FDA can seize shipments of unapproved products.

Key Amendment: An amendment to this law played a key role in the cranberry episode. The amendment, sponsored by Rep. James J. Delaney (D.,

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New Report on Aged

Financial Resources Analyzed

Four of every 10 persons over 65 responding to a survey said they could pay a \$500 medical bill from their savings.

In addition, one of every six aged persons questioned by the National Opinion Research Center said they would meet such a bill from their current incomes.

A preliminary report on the survey, made in 1957 under sponsorship of Health Information Foundation, has been published under the title *Financial Resources of the Aging*. The re-

port was written by Ethel Shanas, PhD, University of Chicago.

Assets Available: The NORC questioned 1,734 persons over 65, with those interviewed representing a random cross-section of all older persons in the U.S. Particular attention was given the financial status of respondents and assets available to them to help meet large medical costs.

In addition to those who would pay a \$500 medical bill out of savings or current income, 1% would use life

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Decentralized Plan Supported

The American Medical Association told Congress: the medical profession can make its most effective contribution to the social security disability program when it is administered as at present on a decentralized federal-state basis.

Dr. Charles Farrell, Pawtucket, R.I., said "differences in local customs and conditions require negotiations and arrangements on a state-by-state basis. This method of administration results in a more ready exchange of ideas, better communications, cooperation, and understanding."

He testified before a House Ways and Means Subcommittee that has concluded a week of hearings on administration of the program of paying social security funds to totally disabled social security beneficiaries at age 50 or older.

In other testimony, labor union officials advocated making the program entirely a federal responsibility on grounds this would be more efficient.

Dr. Farrell proposed that when additional medical data is needed for a sound determination of a disability case "the information should be obtained from the claimant's own physician, if possible, in a similar manner to the way it is now obtained from a consulting physician."

The Bureau of Old Age and Survivors Insurance should be authorized to require state agencies to make arrangements with the medical profession in the respective states "that will permit [the agencies] to purchase these supplementary examinations, laboratory or other tests from such physicians and under such circumstances as to promote further doctor-patient relationships and rapid development of comprehensive information," he said.

There are cases where a patient's own physician fills out forms on the basis of past knowledge of the individual and where another examination is required. The latter is done by a consultative examiner, who is reimbursed, Dr. Farrell noted, with no payment to the patient's own physician for the work he has done.

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insurance; 7.2% a mortgage on house or property; 7.6% hospital or health insurance; 14.6% would receive the money from children or relatives; 8.2% would seek public assistance or charitable aid; 7% would use other sources and 9.6% said they could not pay such a bill.

Nearly 80% of the persons aged 65 and over reported assets. More than 55% own their home or real estate; 35.4% have life insurance; 53.8% have savings; 19.1% own stocks and bonds, and 2.7% receive help from children or relatives. More than 20% reported no assets.

Annual income: Although yearly money income of persons over 65 is less than that of other segments of the adult population, nearly half of persons interviewed felt their financial situation was "about the same" as when they were 60. One in seven believe it is better now.

The survey showed median income of persons over 65 with money income in 1956 was \$1,300, although over one-third of all aged persons reporting money income had incomes of less than \$1,000 a year in 1956.

Amphetamines

FDA Hits Illegal Sales

The Administration is considering legislation next year to crack down on the illegal sales of amphetamine drugs.

A campaign by the Food and Drug Administration against "pep pill" bootlegging "has disclosed a serious breakdown in our system of marketing controls for these drugs," according to Arthur S. Flemming, secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

More than 800,000 amphetamine tablets have been found in the hands of illegal wholesale peddlers, Flemming noted. FDA officials believe they have only scratched the surface of the total illicit traffic, he said.

Under serious consideration, he said, are four proposals. They would:

- Require manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers to be registered so that they could be subject to federal inspection.
- Require records of sales of the drug with penalties for falsification.
- Provide that unauthorized possession of the drug is an offense.
- Provide that any illegal sale of the drug is a federal offense even though it involves intrastate shipments, on grounds that sales of the drug is a "burden" on interstate commerce.

Millions in Medical Care

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physicians donate to one hospital total more than \$2¼ million annually, equal to the yearly budget of the City-County Hospital System.

Physicians in the Seattle, Wash., area each year contribute an estimated \$1,062,240 in time and \$1,050,000 in surgical services to the King County Hospital system, Dr. Philip L. Peterson, medical director, reported. He said MDs in private practice and members of the staff of the University of Washington School of Medicine contribute an average of 70,816 hours and perform 4,200 operations each year without charge.

\$6,000 a Year: One California County medical society reported that its physicians contribute about \$6,000 a year each in free medical care.

Physicians responding to a survey by the Dade County, Fla., Medical Society estimate they "give away" about 12% of their professional time a year. Overall average time given indigents was five hours weekly per physician.

Doctors not only head up many fund-raising drives, but also make substantial contributions to the campaigns.

MDs pledged nearly \$1 million toward construction of the University of Utah Medical Center. Physicians of Long Beach, Calif., spearheaded a drive that raised over \$1 million toward a \$4 million fund drive to build a 400-bed hospital.

Civic Activities: The Fulton County Medical Society, Atlanta, Ga., reports that 43.4% of its membership is engaged in one or more types of citizenship activities.

Great Bend, Kan., Chamber of Com-

merce has 100% membership of its physicians.

The average Tennessee doctor practices medicine 58 hours a week, spends the equivalent of 18 eight-hour days each year in civic work.

Elective Offices: In South Dakota, the average MD works a 65-hour week, with some working as much as 120 hours. In addition, he spends nearly two hours a week in civic activities. One-third of the South Dakota doctors have held elective offices.

And all this is in addition to the time doctors devote to staff and scientific meetings and at postgraduate courses to "keep up" on the latest medical advances.

Delegates ...

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Dallas County Medical Society will staff information booths at the Statler Hilton and Adolphus Hotels.

The first National Conference on Medical Aspects of Sports will be held Nov. 30, at the Baker Hotel, sponsored by the AMA's Committee on the Medical Aspects of Sports.

The Dallas County Medical Society and AMA are sponsoring a Dallas Health Fair Nov. 28-Dec. 6 which will have 94 exhibits. The fair also will be in the auditorium and exhibits will be open to the public weekdays from 3 to 9 p.m., and on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 9 p.m.

Berries ...

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N.Y.), barred the government from setting a tolerance—a specified allowable percentage—on any chemicals found to cause cancer in animals.

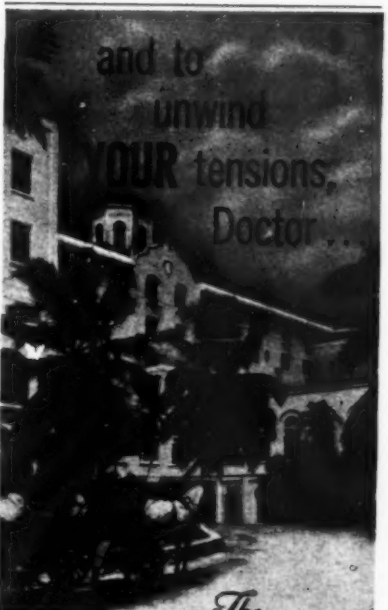
While the amendment deals only with additives, FDA is applying it to all of its enforcement programs. Arthur S. Flemming, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, commented that "while in theory there may be a minute quantity of a carcinogen which is safe in foods, in actuality our scientists do not know whether this is true or how to establish a safe tolerance."

The question of tolerance has caused FDA and some industries a headache in another field—that of artificial coloring of food and cosmetics. As interpreted by the courts last year, FDA must ban chemicals used for coloring if they are found to be harmful in any quantity. As a result, the agency has moved against some 17 coal tar colors used in lipstick, even though FDA officials said the quantities used in the lipstick were not sufficient to cause harm to humans.

Secretary Flemming said the Administration will propose next year a color additive bill to allow the agency to specify tolerances for coloring chemicals, with the exception of those that may cause cancer.

TV Program Repeated

Gateways to the Mind, a Bell Telephone science series program shown in October, 1958, will be repeated on the NBC-TV network, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 6. The program deals with the function of the human senses. Check your local station for the exact time.



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MD Leadership Urged In Civil Defense Plans

What is the physician's role in civil defense planning and training?

Two speakers at a civil defense conference in Chicago agreed the medical profession can spearhead a successful community CD program, but one of the speakers charged that many civil defense officials are heedless to contributions doctors can make.

The speaker, Dr. Edward A. Burkhardt, told the 10th Annual County Medical Societies Civil Defense Conference that physicians and other specialty groups are too often ignored by local CD authorities in planning disaster preparedness programs.

MD Leadership: In another address, Dr. Paul A. Slattery said disaster committees of county medical societies can be leaders in generating community support for medical defense preparations.

Dr. Burkhardt, chairman of the special committee on civil defense and catastrophe of the New York Medical Society, told the conference:

"Highly trained specialty citizen groups don't mind volunteering their services, but we expect paid (CD) people to think, seek our advice and then issue directives and provide finances to execute plans that are produced by the best specialty groups."

Funds Needed: He said medical societies must be provided with funds for disaster medicine planning, or be in a position to direct medical preparation with political organizations controlling citizen-contributed funds.

Dr. Burkhardt said the new federal

budget proposed \$25 million for civil defense personnel salaries. He added, "It is easy to visualize this money going to compound present errors in civil defense—namely, to hire more people to do the same political planning that leaves functional volunteer organizations out of planning and training programs."

Dr. Slattery, co-chairman of the Alameda-Contra Costa County (Calif.) Medical Association's disaster committee, said doctors must first understand basic concepts of civil defense if they want to impress upon the public that disaster consequences can be kept to a minimum through advance planning and training.

Public on Team: He recommended that a county medical society's disaster committee develop programs aimed at coordinating agencies, personnel and facilities in the health field and then incorporate the general public into the team.

Physicians should help hospitals evolve internal disaster plans, he said, and should maintain close liaison with city and county civil defense officials. Other professional groups—nurses, pharmacists, dentists, veterinarians, and morticians—should be invited to join in the committee's program.

Other speakers at the conference included Rep. Melvin Price (D., Ill.) and Maj. Gen. Marshall Stubbs, chief chemical officer for the Department of the Army. A record 270 persons from 33 states and Canada attended.

Self-Sufficiency Key to Survival

Reliance upon individual, family, and group self-sufficiency after an attack on the U.S. is a basic principle of a "National Health Plan" developed by the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization.

Dr. W. Palmer Dearing, director of health services for OCDM, said an attack would disrupt organized health services to the point where those services would be non-existent in many areas over extended periods.

"Also," he said, "severe shortages in health resources are assumed (after an attack) and those shortages will necessitate austerity in the provision of health services."

AMA Report Cited: Dr. Dearing discussed the plan at the 10th Annual Conference of the County Medical Societies Civil Defense Organization at Chicago. The conference was sponsored by the American Medical Association's Council on National Defense.

Dr. Dearing said a report on *National Emergency Medical Care* by the AMA made an important contribution to the National Health Plan.

In that report, he said, the medical profession "espoused the basic preparedness principle that all the health professions and the general public must accept responsibilities and be trained to carry out medical care procedures that we would not dream of encouraging or allowing under normal circumstances."

MD Responsibility: The AMA report places on physicians the responsibility of ensuring adequate medical training of the medical health professions and other personnel to assist in care of survivors.

AMA Report

The American Medical Association's report on *National Emergency Medical Care* recommends that a medical civil defense plan be initiated at the national level and that the government take the primary role in guidance and coordination of the plan.

The report was prepared at the request of the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization by an AMA commission headed by Dr. H. C. Lueth, Evanston, Ill.

A 30-page summary of the report has been published in booklet form. Single copies of the summary are available to physicians free by writing the AMA's Council on National Defense, 535 N. Dearborn, Chicago 10.

The report recommends that other professional persons such as dentists and veterinarians be trained to perform such functions as treatment of open chest wounds, treatment of shock, and assistance in surgical procedures.

Dr. Dearing said the three major functions outlined in the National Health Plan are:

- Organization and planning, to ensure that the non-governmental health community will be trained to perform emergency health service tasks.

- Training and education to ensure a high level of health self-sufficiency in the population and to teach parent hospital staffs how to activate and operate emergency services in improvised health facilities.

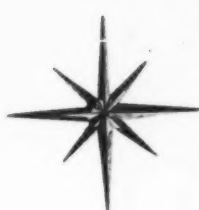
- Resource mobilization to provide optimum health services in a national emergency from available resources.

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Editorial Viewpoint

MDs' Contribution

The public generally is not aware of the extent to which the medical profession gives medical care without compensation. But knowledge of this free professional service becomes important to the taxpayer in connection with the agitation which arises from time to time favoring medicine by government.

Quite aside from the quality of medical care which would be dispensed to the public under bureaucratic management, is the question of the cost to taxpayers should a scheme for nationalized medical care be adopted.

Cost of the Forand bill, for example, would be in excess of \$1.8 billion a year at the outset, according to Health Insurance Assn. of America. That, in itself, is a sizeable tax load. But it wouldn't stop there. No one with any knowledge of the history of such governmental undertakings can believe it would.

Die-hard backers of socialized medicine are trying with the Forand proposal to get piecemeal what they couldn't get in an all-out attack a few years ago. Such a scheme as the Forand bill would open wide the door to nationalized or government-dominated medicine on a limitless scale. It is a perfect example of the old foot-in-the-door technique. And the eventual load to the taxpayers would be even more staggering.

An all-out nationalized medical care program also would mean that the taxpayers would have to pick up the bill for all the free medical care now being provided by the practicing physicians of America.

What this total bill would be is not known at this time, but scattered surveys indicate it would be astounding even in this era of boxcar figures.

Surveys show, for example, that the average Louisiana physician gives \$3,531 a year in free medical care. In South Dakota, the average is \$2,365. One large California county reports that a survey made some time ago shows that its doctors give an average of more than \$6,000 each. In that one county alone the monetary value of the free medical service given by MDs totals millions of dollars.

Medical Economics magazine reports that its surveys show that doctors devote at least 10% of their working hours to direct charity services, and another 10% to noncharity patients who'll never pay their bills. The magazine figures that a conservative estimate of the dollar value of all medical services that physicians give away is about a billion dollars annually.

What would be the cost of this service, if there were involved all the expense of making it a government operation?

Obviously, the expense of collecting the money by taxation would be substantial. To this would be added the cost of administrative machinery, which necessarily attaches to all governmental enterprises; not to mention the abuse which occurs when public funds are the target for individual privilege.

Do the taxpayers of the U.S. want to shoulder this tax load in addition to the ever-increasing tax burden they now are carrying for what obviously would be inferior medical care?

We don't think so.

Surgery and Silence

The Daily Review of Hayward, Calif., uncovered the story of how four physicians succeeded for the first time in grafting back the severed leg of a human being. In an editorial praising the operation performed on a 25-year-old man, the newspaper noted:

"Both the surgery and the silence were astounding. Three doctors in Southern Alameda County and one from Oakland have combined separate techniques to successfully reattach the severed leg of an Eden hospital patient. The surgery was performed three months ago."

"It had not been done before, but there is expectation it can be done again; not in all cases but many times. The feat has gained the attention of practitioners and laymen throughout the world."

"Meanwhile, the doctors remain publicly unidentified."

"I'd Prefer Just Plain Doctor Bills"



fied, standing toe-dry and apart from the flood of publicity their accomplishment unloosed. They are representative of a profession that has long been identified with minor and major miracles of surgery and silence.

"Like the patient now convalescing, Eden Hospital District is fortunate in their presence and their skills. It is fortunate as well in the number and genius of other practitioners of whom the principals in this case are representative. It is only by chance, and rarely, that their magic comes to public attention."

International Health Card

Milwaukee, Wis., Journal

With more people traveling internationally, and the heavy increase in automobile traffic and accidents, a proposal of two Swedish physicians is much in order.

The physicians suggest an international health and identity card which would contain names and addresses of owners and next of kin, information about languages spoken or understood, blood group, serum injections, tetanus vaccination, possible allergies, and so on.

To be of real value the card should be in several languages—probably English, French, and German plus the language of the individual.

Man's Future

The Freudian Ethic

All talk of social destiny or inescapable fate is simply a symptom of a general unwillingness to make the effort to do and keep on doing what is necessary to maintain our way of life. If man fails in the battle with the bugs, is overwhelmed in a flood of babies, runs out of topsoil, smothered in smog, or in some one of the various other ways fails to solve the problems of social adaption, it will be only because he has given up trying.

Value of Older Worker

The older worker could be one of the most valuable assets in the competitive business world of the 60s, according to Nation's Business. It cites a government survey showing that some 45% of manufacturing workers over 40 produce more per manhour than the younger men. The older worker also has some special attributes—experience, greater dependability, mature appreciation of job responsibility.

Nothing Serious

• A mother had heard that children who ate dirt while making mud pies lacked something important in their diet. When her two-year-old began consuming dirt, she asked her pediatrician if dirt-eating indicated a lack of something. The MD's reply was: "Yes, definitely—lack of supervision."

• Changing Times reports the hula hoop craze has spread to the Far East—America's revenge for Asiatic flu.

Public Enemy No. 1—Taxes

Public enemy No. 1 is taxes, says Paul Harvey, news commentator for the American Broadcasting Co.

Harvey reports that he arrived at this conclusion after two weeks of sleuthing. It all started when a farmer asked him this question: "Who's getting rich off the farmer? I sell a bushel of wheat for \$1.73. By the time that bushel of wheat is made into 66 loaves of bread it costs housewives \$15.84."

Here's what Harvey found: There are 151 separate taxes on a loaf of bread. The "tax man" picks the consumer's pocket for 12c every time he buys one loaf of bread. "But with such clever sleight of hand and by such an involved and complicated multiplicity of hidden taxes his hand was quicker than our eye," the commentator discovered.

Harvey also found there are 206 separate transactions involved in getting a quart of milk from the pasture to your doorstep. And the tax man doubles the price.

There are \$288 in hidden taxes before a \$2,000 automobile leaves the factory. When you pay \$2,000 for a car, more than one-fourth of that price is just taxes.

There are 150 taxes on one ladies' hat. And gasoline would sell for 2c a gallon—except for the tax.

"We hear that our federal government is sending a billion dollars to Tito," Harvey said. "And we figure 'so what . . .'. But every time our government spends a billion, it taxes the average American family another \$25. How much different it might have been if our government had said it the other way—that 'every American family is asked to chip in \$25 this year for Tito.'"

Conversely, every billion dollars our government saves (every billion "less" that it spends) decreases the tax load for the American family of four by \$25.

"Every time the Washington or state spenders speak of spending another billion for something or other, I'm going to remember it's 25 of my dollars they're spending," Harvey reported.

But Uncle Sam is not alone in the tax business. His accomplices are the tax laws of states and municipalities.

"Historically, whenever any nation has taxed its people more than 25% of their income, that nation has been eating its seed corn—headed for economic decay," stated Harvey. "Already our taxes are devouring more than a third of every income dollar. But like an iceberg, the far greater hunk of our tax load is under the surface—out of sight."

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Letters

... As Readers See It

Costs and Expenditures

On the editorial pages of *The AMA News* for Oct. 19, 1959, was an editorial regarding Ethics and Advertising in which the pharmaceutical companies are quoted as to their direct mail advertising techniques and the effect this has on drug prices. In this they "remind us that in the last 10 years drug prices have risen less than either hospital rates or doctors' fees."

In the magazine *Trends* for Oct. 1959, utilizing the United States Office of Business Economics is an analysis of what the public spent for medical care. It is indicated that physicians services had risen 67.6% in this 10 year period, whereas the cost of drugs had risen 122.4%. Undoubtedly the fact that many of the drugs now in use were not available in 1948 makes it a somewhat difficult direct analysis, but it would appear that there is question as to the correctness of the quotation in the editorial.

I am certain that the average physician or surgeon, who listens to the patient's complaint about the high cost of some of the drugs we consider necessary in 1959, is very much aware of the rapid increase in drug costs. It would appear that perhaps not all statements received should be quoted without further study.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The editorial in the Oct. 19 issue of *The AMA News* refers to "prices" or "costs." The article in *Trends* refers to "expenditures." Few distinctions in the realm of medical care are more fundamental and yet more often ignored than that between expenditures and costs. An expenditure represents a sum paid for a quantity of the goods or services consumed or produced. A cost refers not to a quantity but rather to a unit of goods or service produced.

The following are the percentages of increases in prices or costs from 1948 to 1958: All medical care 43.3%; physicians' fees 36%; hospital rates 93.9%; drugs 19.3%.

Percentages of increases in expenditures from 1948 to 1958: All medical care 111%; physicians' fees 68%; hospital rates 166%; drugs 122%.

It would be possible for prices or costs to go down and expenditures to go up, so different are these two factors.)

Drug Advertising

The lead editorial in *The AMA News* of Oct. 19 comments on the difficulties which pharmaceutical companies encounter in developing "some precise method" to reduce the waste involved in direct mail advertising techniques.

While general practitioners generally may be expected to be interested in practically every worthwhile development in medicine, it is clear that the specialist must have a more restricted view. It would seem that a glance at the Directory of Medical Specialists would indicate to companies employing mail advertising which physicians might be expected to welcome a description of their products.

For instance, it is difficult for me, a psychiatrist, whose name has appeared in the Directory for many years to understand why I should be deluged with circulars and samples intended to promote the sale of drugs intended to cure or relieve dermatological conditions, peptic ulcer, the "lazy bowel," and a variety of other ailments. Since thousands of other physicians must be subjected to the same barrage, the cost of this waste must be, in the aggregate, consequential.

Now and then, of course, an item of some interest and possibly of some value may be salvaged, but practically all of it goes into the waste basket. A diligent clerk in the advertising department could readily determine where such material should be sent to do the most good and the AMA Directory and the Directory of American Specialists are easily the best places to get this information.

D. P. GRIFFIN, MD

Bridgeport, Conn.

In regard to ethics of pharmaceutical advertising, a big leak needs to be plugged in the manner of mailing much of the material doctors receive.

The army of postal employees frequently gets "the latest" in detail, by courtesy of the circular type ads on new products. If all other irregularities were to cease, this would still be a sufficient leak to allow the amateurs to continue to plague us.

ROBERT W. MERKLE, MD

Easley, S.C.

Old X-Rays

Apropos of the article "Old X-Ray Films May Be Valuable to Patient, MD" appearing on page 11, Oct. 5, *AMA News*, ... microfilming x-ray pictures might be a way of saving the record and storage space? I do not know if there is a method for reducing in size the original film.

SARAH S. NAGLE, RN
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Third Party Plans

MDs Get Along Together

Relationships between physicians employed by management-sponsored medical care plans and other physicians in the community are generally satisfactory.

This opinion was given by medical directors of several such plans at a Chicago meeting with the American

Medical Association's Council on Medical Service and Committee on Medical Care for Industrial Workers.

The meeting was another in a series the council is holding with representatives of various types of third party medical care plans to develop principles and policies to be applied to relationships between third parties and the medical profession.

Some of the medical directors did voice doubts about the principle of free choice of physician as it relates to patients served by third party plans. They questioned the ability of employees to select competent physicians for various ailments.

Others had misgivings over the practicality of fee-for-service payments as the predominant method of paying for employees' medical care.

Book List Offered

A list of books for the small medical library has been prepared by the American Medical Association. The publication, entitled *Recent Books and Periodicals Selected for the Small Medical Library*, may be obtained without charge by writing to Library, American Medical Association, 535 N. Dearborn, Chicago 10.

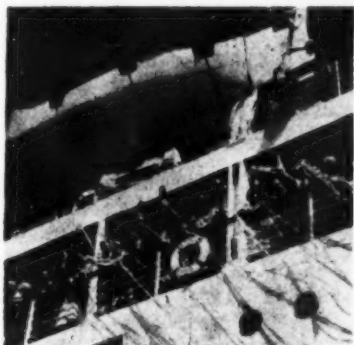
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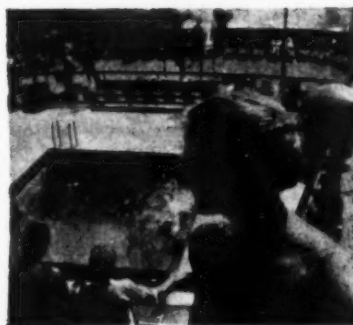
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On the

Legislative Front

This is budget-making time in Washington. Statisticians in the federal agencies are busy preparing proposed budgets, officials are sending word to keep expenses down, Treasury Department officers are trying to gauge the future state of the economy, already in the minds of some high-ranking men is a fairly firm figure of about what the Administration will present Congress next year.

It is no secret that the Administration is making every effort to present a balanced fiscal sheet—one where revenues equal outlays or exceed them.

But it is also a foregone conclusion

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Health Budget Still Going Up

The federal government's medical health budget continues to rise. Outlays for the current fiscal year total \$3.2 billion, \$216 million more than last fiscal year, according to a report compiled by the American Medical Association.

If social security and other programs for disabled persons, financed entirely or in part by Uncle Sam, are included, an additional \$5.1 billion would be tacked on. However, most of these programs are financed by trust funds which theoretically are self-supporting. The other U.S. medical-health programs are run by appropriations from Congress.

These figures compare with an overall federal budget of about \$78 billion.

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare had a medical-health budget of \$1.3 billion for the current fiscal year, \$180 million more than last year. This was the highest single health budget of all federal agencies.

The Veterans Administration followed with appropriations of \$939.7 million, some \$40 million more than last year. The Defense Department received \$753.1 million for its medical activities, about \$2 million more than last year. These three agencies handle the bulk of the government's work in this field.

Other medical appropriations were: Atomic Energy Commission, \$52.1 million; International Cooperation Administration, \$45.7 million; Department of State, \$23.7 million; National Science Foundation, \$27.4 million; and federal employees health programs, \$11.5 million.

PHS Cancer Control Advisory Group Named

Creation of a 14-member Advisory Committee to the Cancer Control Program of the Public Health Service was announced recently by Surgeon General Leroy E. Burney.

The committee will advise the Cancer Control Program on aid to state and local agencies in developing services to decrease the interval between the discovery of new cancer techniques and their widespread application. The 14 members are:

Drs. Ulrich R. Bryner, Salt Lake City; Bernard Bucove, Seattle; John W. Cline, San Francisco; Warren H. Cole, Chicago; Joseph A. Cunningham, Birmingham, Ala.; Harold S. Diehl, New York; Lloyd M. Graves, Memphis, Tenn.; John P. Lindsay, Nashville, Tenn.; James J. Nickson, New York; Mack I. Shanholtz, Richmond, Va.; Charles E. Smith, Berkeley, Calif.; John W. Spellman, Brookline, Mass.; Samuel G. Taylor, III, Chicago, and David A. Wood, San Francisco.

that the budget for the second year in a row will set a new record for peacetime spending by Uncle Sam. However, tax revenues are expected to rise, too.

Perhaps the best way of describing how the federal budget is arrived at is to compare it with the way a father of a large family asks his many children to figure out how much allowance they should get and why.

Most of the children submit inflated estimates. The father, who knows about how much he can afford in all, chops them down, but may chop some less than others because they presented sound arguments for their increases.

The Budget Bureau, directly under the President, is the "father" in the case of the federal government, and the "children" are the various agencies.

Tight Secrecy: The budget totals are a closely-held secret for many reasons. The stock market usually reacts strongly when they are released. Premature leaking could invite congressional, editorial, and business pressures to make changes. Therefore the lid is a tight one. Last year, most of the experts predicted the Administration would be forced to recommend an unbalanced budget with spending exceeding income. They were surprised at the balanced budget presented.

There are four key totals to look for when a budget is released in the early days of a congressional session. They are the recommended appropriations, estimated expenditures, estimated revenue, and estimated surplus or deficit for the current fiscal year.

An unbalanced budget has been the rule, not the exception, in recent years. The last surplus was chalked up under President Truman, though there are hopes that this year a small surplus will be possible provided the steel strike did not cut too heavily into tax revenues.

Problem of Debt: When the budget is in the red, the problem of the federal debt arises. And the legal ceiling for the debt—now \$295 billion—has been hiked by Congress several times during the Eisenhower Administration.

Of course, Congress does not follow the proposed budget down the line, but it seldom makes drastic changes in the overall total.

Other Expenses: The billions of dollars from the social security program are not in the budget mechanism because they are from trust funds that are theoretically self-supporting. And there are the government's own retirement programs, Veterans Administration insurance plans, railroad retirement, highway constructions, and other federal programs that do not show up in appropriations. On top of this, there are "backdoor" problems financed from general treasury revenues rather than from appropriations, and the spending resulting from programs voted years before.

The press in Washington receives the budget several days in advance in order to be able to wade through the mass of statistics. The treasury secretary and budget director hold news briefings to answer newsmen's questions. The budget is released for the public at noon of the day it is sent to Congress in keeping with the tradition of never making a message public before Congress gets it.

Alternate Health Plan Is Doubtful

The Administration has not come up with any alternate plan to the social security health bill pending in Congress.

Disclosing this, Arthur S. Flemming, secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, said he doubted if any such alternate will be ready for Congress next year.

Flemming said efforts to arrive at some sort of a federal plan to help private insurance carriers offering coverage to the aged have been unsuccessful. He blamed "technical roadblocks."

Forand Bill Opposed: The secretary renewed the Administration's opposition to the Forand bill, contending it would "kill" all progress made so far in solving the challenge through voluntary, private channels. The Forand bill, expected to be one of the major issues before Congress next year, would increase social security taxes to help finance compulsory health insurance for social security beneficiaries.

Flemming made the comments in discussing the first report to the President of the cabinet-level Federal Council on Aging.

The council, headed by Flemming, warned against standard solutions, universal remedies or dramatic overnight panaceas to the problems of older persons.

"It will be by a steady and objective scrutiny of needs, and a realistic matching of them with resources, that continuing contribution to improving the well-being of older people will be assured," it said.

Study Endorsed: The council, which includes in addition to Flemming the secretaries of the treasury, agriculture, commerce, and labor, and the administrators of veterans affairs and housing, endorsed the Social Security Administration's study of ways of encouraging the further development of voluntary health insurance for the aged.

There is an "urgent need" to "stimulate and support community health services for the aged and chronically ill, in which public and private agencies and professional persons are all joined in action," said the council.

Barriers against employment constitute a major problem of older persons, the council said. Widespread educational programs "to promote employment of older workers on the basis of ability irrespective of age" were recommended.

Washington Briefs

• The Supreme Court left standing a lower court decision rejecting an appeal by Dr. Frank Riggall who had protested the refusal of the Washington County (Arkansas) Medical Society to admit him to membership.

• The National Retired Teachers Assn. and the American Assn. of Retired Persons said they are making a cut-rate drug service available to all Americans over 65 years of age if they place their orders with the service's mail order centers in Washington, D.C., and Altadena, Calif.

• Food and Drug Administration warned that the use of certain chemically-treated diabetes test papers by women to determine the fertility cycle may be injurious and should be halted immediately. Some of these papers contain the chemical toluidine, "which has not been adequately tested for its effects on the sensitive tissues of the female reproductive system," the government said.

• The Journal of the British Medical Association proposed using helicopter ambulances on Britain's new no-speed-limit highway. Recent opening of the first four lane super highway resulted in a rash of auto accidents among the British who weren't accustomed to high speed conditions.

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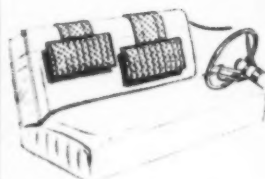
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Scanning the News

Detergents: A serious public health problem has been created because water purification methods do not remove detergents from drinking water, a chemist warned. Jesse M. Cohen of the Robert A. Taft Research Center, Cincinnati, said nearly four billion pounds of detergent were used in 1958, with 85% of that being used in households. He said detergents make complete circle from sink, down the drain, into sewage for treatment, and back to the sink via the water tap.

Blood Donors: Paid blood donors are a more reliable source than donors who give transfusions voluntarily, according to three officials of Southwest Blood Banks, Phoenix, Ariz. A survey of 12,759 donors in 12 South and Southwest cities showed twice as many short units were drawn from the unpaid group, although paid donors accounted for three times more units over-all.

Food Breaks: Dr. Clarence Cohn, Chicago research scientist, says studies based on animal experiments indicate eating three square meals a day may be harder on your heart and arteries than "food breaks," nibbling the same amount of food in frequent feedings. Instead of putting peak demand on our organs of metabolism, we should meter our food to them gradually, he says.

Physician Visits: Children and young persons accounted for about 360 million physician visits in the year ending June 30, 1958. Babies and pre-school children visited doctors at a greater rate than other age groups, and "diagnosis and treatment" was the chief type of service sought on visits by all age groups.

Electronic Nursing: Closed circuit television is proving useful in helping to ease shortage of nurses. One nurse can watch "critical" patients, babies by monitoring a TV screen. One manufacturer expects 1960 sales of TV equipment to hospitals to double volume of past four years combined.

Anesthesiologists' Fees: Connecticut Medical Service (Blue Shield) and Connecticut State Medical Society are studying a plan to place anesthesia service under CMS health insurance contracts. Now, anesthesiologists' fees usually come from hospital revenues and thus are under Blue Cross contracts. Five of state's 36 general hospitals now consider anesthesia a medical service with charges on a fee-for-service basis.

Industrial Psychiatry: Psychiatric services to emotionally disturbed employees of a large distilling firm are being provided by the Division of Organization Psychiatry of New York City's Mount Sinai Hospital. The firm pays an annual retainer to the division, which began work last year to explore a new concept in the care, treatment, and prevention of mental upsets.

New Publication: Beginning this month, CIBA is publishing a review of medical articles from lay magazines as a service to physicians. It is called *Medicine in the Magazines*.



STUDENT NURSE ALDA NEIMANIS was selected "Queen For A Day" on Oct. 28 when the television show played host to more than 900 nurses in Los Angeles. Miss Neimanis now has her tuition paid for three years, an all-expense trip for two to the French Riviera, a mink coat, and other expensive gifts. Shown with "Queen Alda" are (left to right) Dr. Gerald W. Shaw, secretary-treasurer, Los Angeles County Medical Assn.; Dr. William F. Quinn, president, LACMA; Jack Bailey, program M.C.; Dr. Eugene F. Hoffman, chairman, AMA Physicians Advisory Committee; and Dr. Dudley M. Cobb Jr., vice-chairman of the AMA committee.

Anti-Inflation Drive Planned

The American Medical Association was represented at a recent conference in Washington to consider a campaign against inflation.

Dr. Louis M. Orr, AMA president, and Dr. F. J. L. Blasingame, executive vice president, attended the meeting which was addressed by President Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon.

About 50 of the nation's major organizations were represented at the meeting. Dr. Orr and Dr. Blasingame will report to AMA's Board of Trustees on the proposals made at the meeting.

A citizens' campaign against inflation was proposed at the conference. It would be directed by a council of leading citizens.

The council would exchange ideas for fighting inflation, and would seek to stimulate groups to participate in the campaign.

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Community Benefits

Doctors Take Lead in Civic Affairs

At one time the mayor of Huron, S.D. (Pop. 15,000), the president of its school board and of its chamber of commerce all were physicians.

This may be a little unusual, but in most respects the MDs of Huron are typical of those in thousands of other communities across the U.S.

In addition to giving their time and talents to a score of civic activities, Huron doctors collectively give some \$18,000 in cash to charitable and civic drives each year, and contribute another \$40,000 to \$45,000 in free medical care.

Active President: Huron is the home of Dr. Robert A. Buchanan, president of the South Dakota State Medical Assn. He is president of the board of education, serves as a trustee of Huron College, has been a member of the city's recreation board since 1948, is on the state's board of medical and osteopathic examiners. Dr. Buchanan also is a past president of the Lions club, and worked on city planning after World War II.

Perhaps his biggest source of pride is the Huron Arena, a \$750,000 building used for basketball, band and glee club classrooms, and for community affairs.

"If you get interested in something, you want to see it through," is his explanation of why he continues his civic activities.

Community Leaders: Two other physicians are also trustees of Huron College—Dr. W. H. Saxton and Dr. Theodore A. Hohm.

The college this year honored Dr. Hohm as a distinguished alumnus. He is chairman of the trustees' building and grounds committee and led a successful drive to build a women's dormitory. He now is heading a drive to raise money for a men's dorm, a new library, and to raise faculty salaries.

Dr. Hohm and his brother, Dr. Paul Hohm, are active supporters of the college and its athletic program, providing scholarship assistance. They also serve as physicians at home games when needed.

Civic Philosophy: "The type of his work and of his education allows the doctor to assume leadership easier than some others in a community," Dr. Ted Hohm believes.

"Physicians definitely should participate in community affairs," asserts Dr. Saxton. "It makes you broad minded. You think of something besides medicine—of civic and state problems."

Dr. Saxton is a good example of his philosophy. He is a past president of the chamber of commerce, of his service club, served on the board of elders of his church, is a Silver Beaver in Boy Scouts, an active Mason, and past president of the state medical association.

Two-Way Affair: Most of Huron's physicians agree that civic work is a two-way affair. While it contributes toward the community, it also helps the doctor's practice by making him a part of the community. None thought his outside activities interfered with his practice.

Dr. Paul Hohm's contributions to Huron have been along a different line. In partnership with another man he has invested in a foundry building, an office structure, and in other businesses. The foundry will employ 30-50. The office building kept government offices in Huron that were to be moved. Nearly 100 families are involved.

Robert D. Lusk, Huron newspaper



Dr. Robert A. Buchanan

publisher, said Dr. Paul Hohm has made "substantial contributions to the community" through his investments.

Service Award: Dr. Fred Leigh's civic work won for him a Distinguished Service Award from the South Dakota Junior Chamber of Commerce.

He is past president of the Rotary Club, country club, and the Huron Arena Corp., a non-profit organization to bring top-flight entertainment into the community.

Dr. Clifford F. Greyte is active in the Community Concert Series, the Salvation Army, and church work.

Dr. H. L. Saylor Jr. is another past president of the Chamber of Commerce, an advisor to local chapters of American Cancer Society, National Foundation, Central South Dakota Cerebral Palsy Assn., a member of a YMCA advisory committee for the

Physician's Dismissal Criticized by Group

The Executive Council of the Jackson County Medical Society called the dismissal of the Kansas City, Mo., director of health and hospitals a "wanton and capricious decision."

Dr. Abraham Gelperin was dismissed by City Manager Reed McKinley, who later appointed Dr. George V. Feist to the position. Dr. Feist later resigned.

The council said it endorses the position of the visiting staff at the Kansas City General Hospital in dismay at the appointment of a new director without prior consultation with the visiting medical staff.

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He was Democratic county chairman for 15 years and district chairman five years. In 1948, he was an unsuccessful candidate for the U.S. Senate in the Democratic primary.

There are 19 MDs in Huron and all take an active part in the affairs of the community. But they are reluctant to include the free medical care they give as part of their civic activities. They consider that professional responsibility.

Ask Your Doctor

Television Report From Meeting

The Other Side of the Sun, a 30-minute television program originating from the AMA's 1959 Clinical Meeting in Dallas, will be based on material from one of the scientific program's symposia.

The symposium, *Sunlight and the Skin*, is being presented by AMA's Committee on Cosmetics Dec. 2 in the Dallas Memorial Auditorium. Three symposium participants—Harold F. Blum, PhD, Princeton, N.J., Dr. Rudolf L. Baer, New York, and Dr. J. B. Howell, Dallas—will be on the TV

Foreign Graduates' Exam Date Set

The deadline for submitting applications for the next examination by the Educational Council for Foreign Medical Graduates is Dec. 16. The examination will be given March 16, 1960.

Dr. Dean F. Smiley, executive director of ECFMG, said 3,068 foreign medical graduates took the examination in September at 100 centers around the world.

Of the 2,351 candidates who took the examination in U.S. centers, 46.3% won standard certificates and 25.6% earned temporary certificates. Of the 717 candidates at foreign centers, 39.3% won standard certificates and 19.7% temporary certificates.

Campaign Planned

The Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation has announced plans for a nationwide campaign to protect arthritis sufferers from promoters of quack treatments and devices.

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Scientific Briefs

UPI Photo
SOVIET SUTURING DEVICE presented to Maimonides Hospital, Brooklyn, N.Y., by the Soviet Institute of Chest Surgery is shown by nurse Barbara Levine. The instrument, which uses vitallium staples, was given to Maimonides after the hospital, together with the U.S. State Dept., sent the Russians a heart-lung machine.

Cervix: Radium treatment for cancer of the cervix does not increase incidence of leukemia. Dr. Norman Simon, Oak Ridge, Tenn., presented this finding before meeting of Radiological Society of North America. Report was based on careful follow-up of more than 71,000 women with cancer of the cervix, who had received radiation treatment. Only 12 cases of leukemia occurred that may have been associated with radiation. Incidence of leukemia was essentially the same as in women who had no radiation treatment.

Penicillin: Production of first synthetic penicillin was announced by Bristol Laboratories. Called Syncillin, it promises to be safer and more potent than natural penicillin, according to Bristol scientists. Early evidence indicates Syncillin will not produce allergic reactions and that specially designed synthetic penicillin may be effective against resistant microorganisms.

Pacemaker: Electronic heart pacemaker that can be sewn up in a subject's chest to keep the heart going was developed by Dr. William M. Chardack, VA Hospital, Buffalo, N.Y. Device has not been tried in a human being, but it has kept a dog's heart beating 104 days.

Antibiotic: Development of antibiotic effective in treating infant diarrhea was announced at recent Symposium on Antibiotics. Called Coly-mycin-S, drug was tested with good results at hospitals in Chicago and Washington, D.C. At same meeting, 13 medical investigators reported a new broad spectrum antibiotic—declomycin—was effective against various ailments, including pneumonia, venereal disease, urinary-tract infections, undulant fever, bacillary dysentery, boils, and skin diseases.



Survey of Illness

Incidence High for Young Children

Young children suffered acute illnesses with twice the frequency of adults in the year ending June 30, 1958.

This is one of the findings in a report on the extent to which acute illnesses and injuries are concentrated among children. The report was compiled by Public Health Service's National Health Survey.

In the survey period, incidence rates for acute illnesses involving either restricted activity or medical attention ranged from a high of four occurrences a year for children under five to a low of two occurrences for adults 25 and over.

Other survey findings:

- Adults over 25 averaged almost twice as many days of restricted activity

from illness or injury as persons under 25. Days of restricted activity per person per year for different age groups under 25 ranged from 13.2 to 16.4, compared with 24.1 days for adults over 25.

- Home accidents among children under 15 were the chief cause of injuries restricting activity or requiring medical attention.

- Home, motor vehicle, and work accidents were important causes of restricted activity in the 15-24 age group.

- The number of impairments (blindness, deafness, paralysis, missing or deformed limbs) per 1,000 persons was 82.8 in the 15-24 age group and 41 for children under 15.

- Approximately nine million chil-

dren under 15 had some type of chronic condition and approximately 700,000 of that number were chronically limited in their activity.

- Approximately one billion days of restricted activity were experienced by persons under 25 and about half that number were days when the affected person was confined to bed.

Survey estimates come from interviews conducted by the Bureau of Census with a representative sample of the population.

Copies of the report, *Children and Youth, Selected Health Characteristics, United States, July 1957-June 1958* are available from Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C., at 35c each.

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Caution Advised In Drug Testing

A physician who tests drugs for pharmaceutical firms on his own patients would be wise to use utmost caution from a medical and legal standpoint.

This advice comes from an attorney for the AMA Law Division who acknowledges that the benefits of testing new drugs are of great importance and that physicians are doing a service by cooperating with responsible pharmaceutical manufacturers.

At the same time, the attorney emphasized, the physician's first responsibility is to his patient and he should not prescribe a drug whose affect may be unknown if a known and proven drug is available.

Furthermore, he noted, the risks involved should be thoroughly considered by asking this question: Do the possible benefits of testing the drug outweigh the possible injuries that may result from its use?

The attorney made these suggestions for physicians who are testing drugs for pharmaceutical companies:

- Advise the patient, or those who may be legally qualified to act on his behalf, of the nature of his condition and the possible risks involved.

- Make sure the drug treatment does not vary too radically from accepted methods.

- Obtain consent in writing for use of the drug from the patient or responsible parties;

- Be alert for adverse effects of the drug.

- Try to obtain a letter in writing from the pharmaceutical firm to the effect that it will stand behind you and indemnify you against any loss which you may sustain.

Injury Suits Speeded

The U.S. District Court in Chicago has adopted a revolutionary plan to speed up personal injury suits.

The court has divided the trial of personal injury suits into two parts. The advance trial will deal strictly on the matter of liability. If liability is found, the trial to determine damages proceeds before the same or another jury, or there may be an out-of-court settlement.

If the verdict is against the plaintiff on the issue of liability, the question of damages will be dropped.

Judge Julius H. Miner, who helped devise this system, told *The AMA News*:

MD's Remarks Called Libelous by Attorney

An Omaha, Neb., attorney, J. M. Lindquist, filed a \$500,000 lawsuit against a Chicago surgeon, based on remarks allegedly made by the surgeon during a medical meeting in Omaha.

Lindquist claimed that remarks by Dr. Claude Lambert which were quoted in the *Omaha World-Herald* were "untrue, willful, malicious, slanderous and libelous statements against the legal profession."

Dr. Lambert discussed whiplash injuries at the Omaha Midwest Clinical Society's 27th annual assembly. He has denied making the statement attributed to him by the newspaper.

Lindquist, who specializes in accident damage suits, demanded the \$500,000 unless Dr. Lambert fully retracted the printed statements.

"This is an entirely new departure in the federal court system. It was adopted because frequently the time spent on determining the extent of injuries was wasted when it was subsequently determined that the defendant was not liable."

The court also established a panel of impartial medical witnesses. Parties in a dispute may obtain the services of a physician on this panel to help determine the extent or nature of an injury.

The panel is patterned after similar plans in New York and Philadelphia. It will be maintained by the Illinois State Medical Society.

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Stating It Briefly

Police Surgeons: Six physicians have volunteered their services to form a state police surgeon unit for the Connecticut State Police Dept. MDs will watch over troopers' health and be available for emergency and disaster duty.

One-Man Show: More than 50 paintings and drawings by Dr. William Nussbaum, Kew Gardens, N.Y., were on display as a one-man exhibit during November at a studio in Kew Gardens.

Preparing Program: Illinois State Medical Society is surveying its membership for ideas in preparing a better health care program for people past 65. Questionnaires sent all members ask whether they would cooperate with various health plans.

Safety in Arizona: Maricopa County, Ariz., Medical Society has invited key personnel from industry, law enforcement agencies, fire departments, and schools to attend an 8-week seminar on first aid. Sixteen society members lecture. Society hopes those who attend will organize first aid classes where they work.

New Building: San Joaquin County, Calif., Medical Society has a brochure to hand visitors to its new headquarters building. Brochure explains operations of the society and other groups housed in the building, and points out that members of the 42 boards and committees which run the society last year spent about 3,500 hours in their duties "to promote the health and welfare of our community."

Questions TB Units: Dr. R. H. Hutcheson, Tennessee commissioner of public health, has recommended discontinuance of state's mobile x-ray program for tuberculosis detection. "The x-ray program is costing us \$1,000 for each case of tuberculosis we locate," he said. "I feel we should use a more practical and less expensive procedure."

New Medical Center: Loyola University of Chicago reaffirmed its intention of building a multi-million dollar medical center on its 54-acre site in northwest Chicago. A board of lay trustees will be formed to finance, build, and operate a teaching hospital for LU's Stritch School of Medicine. An annual civic benefit dinner and a yearly solicitation program of LU's 3,600 medical alumni will begin next year to meet increasing operational expenses of the medical school.

Homeless Boys' Helper Is Dead

A bachelor West Virginia physician who gained national fame for helping boys who were orphans or from almost destitute homes is dead. Dr. Jack W. Witten, 79, died Oct. 30 at his home at North Tazewell, Va.

He had practiced medicine at Tazewell for 53 years. The Medical College of Virginia honored him in 1949 as "Alumnus of the Year."

More than 250 boys had been given a home and education by Dr. Witten. In 1948 the Jack W. Witten Foundation was organized to operate his boys' home. He served more than 22 years as a member of Virginia's legislature.



ANTIBIOTIC ACTION is demonstrated by means of bacterial cultures for delegates to the national convention of the American Association of Medical Assistants in Philadelphia. Visiting the Wyeth Institute for Medical Research are (from left) Mrs. Lucille Swearingen, Bartlesville, Okla., AAMA's outgoing president; Mrs. Virginia K. Dougherty, Philadelphia, vice president; Mrs. Marian Little, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, president.

Insurance Plan Opposed

A proposal that New York state broaden its disability benefits law to include major medical insurance coverage for all wage earners was criticized by the Commerce and Industry Assn. of New York.

In opposing mandatory provision of major medical insurance, the Commerce and Industry Assn. said state employers are now taking "dynamic action" to provide that type of protection for their employees.

The association said it opposes major medical insurance as an extension of social insurance because:

- Any form of benefits specified in such an extension would freeze that particular form into all future contracts in the state and might halt the development of new ideas in the health insurance field.

- A major medical law would lead to "some sort of fee standards for medical service rendered . . . , an obvious first step toward control of the people and facilities supplying medical services."

- Many collectively-bargained agreements on health service benefits would be disturbed, leading to possible conflict between employers and unions.

Many technical difficulties would have to be overcome before the law could be applied equitably state-wide.

These difficulties include integration of the major medical plan with existing health insurance plans; determining what the deductible amount should be; elimination of duplicate coverage; and avoiding the subjection of employers to indeterminate costs.



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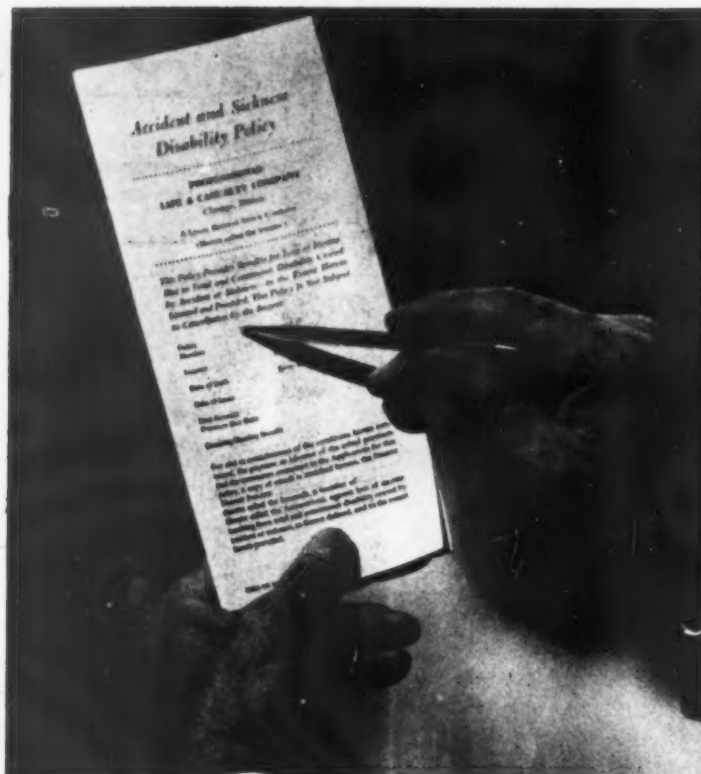
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For the MD

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Travel: Alaska, Hawaii offer some of the top sport fishing in the world. Alaska has 4,750 miles of coastline plus islands, lakes and streams. Biggest game fish is the Chinook salmon. Hawaii has more than 650 species of fish. . . . Winter hotel rates on tiny Barbados in the Caribbean average about \$11 daily per person, include room, bath, all meals. . . . Winter season rates for tourist accommodations in the Virgin Islands are listed in new folder issued by Virgin Islands Government Tourist Office, Room 2401, 750 Third Avenue, New York 17.

Miscellany: Busy physicians are offered Christmas card service by Irvington House, research and treatment center for children with rheumatic fever. For \$25 per 100 cards, center will imprint physician's name on cards, address and mail them. Postage is extra. Write Irvington House, 17 East 45th, New York City.

The Listening Post: Avoid placing TV set, radio, record player in dead spots in a room. Best acoustical locations can be found by ear by placing appliance in various locations and listening for best results. Keep the area in front of the speaker open. . . . Gift suggestions: An indoor swing grill barbecue attachable to any fireplace grate. . . . A "nite-lighter" which automatically turns house lights on at dusk, off at dawn. . . . Swiss watch cuff links, with watch on one link, calendar on the other. . . . Electric practice putter, which automatically returns the ball to you.

For the MD's Wife

New Books: *Mosaics* (Lane Publishing Co., Menlo Park, Calif., \$1.95) outlines step-by-step procedure required in working with all types of mosaics on different surfaces. . . . *The Diners' Club Cookbook* (Farrar, Straus and Cudahy, \$4.95) is a collection of recipes from a chosen few restaurants over the U.S. Compiled by Myra Waldo. . . . *A Suggested Code for Teenagers and Their Parents* treats such matters as going steady, driving, drinking. Send 10c and self-addressed envelope to Parents League of New York, 22 East 60th Street, New York 22.

Miscellany: If you're planning a winter vacation in Florida, take along some woollens, something dark, and resort wear in cottons. Sportswear is part of nearly everyone's requirement. . . . "The Beltsville Energy-Saving Kitchen," plans for a new kitchen, may be obtained free by writing Office of Information, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington 25, D.C. . . . Holiday candles shaped like Christmas trees can be an attractive addition to fireplace mantle. . . . For the woman who has everything, a set of 14K gold needle, threader, and thimble is available for \$21.



LANDSCAPES are the favorite subject of Dr. Thomas E. Newell, president-elect of the American Physicians Art Assn. "Painting affords a serene calmness," the Dayton, Ohio, internist stated. His paints, palette and easel have their places in his laboratory.

Don't Pay Your Publisher

Physicians considering the publication of a book should guard against publishing schemers who, by a designed method of flattery, secure advance payment from determined writers for publishing their works.

Bennett Cerf, well-known publisher, author and television personality, recently made this statement regarding schemers in the publishing field:

"Writers do not have to pay to get their material published if it's saleable. All publishers are looking for good manuscripts. All writers have to do is keep working, writing, and re-writing until they have their material in good shape. But so many seem to get tired and figure that all that is necessary to sell a book is to have it printed. And some publishers prey on this belief. I wish that racket could be smashed. Writers get paid by publish-

ers; they don't have to pay publishers."

The Federal Trade Commission said schemes cost amateur writers from \$900 to \$6,000.

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Q—Our medical group is planning to erect a medical building with facilities for ourselves as well as other physicians. What is the most advantageous way of setting up the ownership of such a building?

T.L., MD
Michigan

A—There are tax and other advantages which may be obtained through the organization of a corporation which will own the building.

Accordingly, your group and the other physician-tenants could lease offices from the corporation at a rental consistent with those which prevail in the community for similar offices. Stockholders in the building corporation could include wives, children, etc., who are not members of the medical partnership. The stock interests in the corporation need not be pro-rata partnership interests. In this way, those members of the partnership who are able to make a larger investment in the corporation can do so without affecting the partnership.

It is desirable that some restrictions be placed upon the transfer of corporate stock in the event one of the physicians should die or desire to sell his interest. For example, stock might be offered to existing shareholders on a pro-rata basis before selling it to others.

Some corporations which physicians have organized also own equipment, employ administrative personnel and technicians, and sell their services to the partnership at a reasonable profit, thereby building up corporate profits.

Q—I've heard that some physicians add a monthly interest charge to delinquent bills as a means of encouraging more effective collections. Is this a good practice?

J.H., MD
Illinois

A—This method may hasten payment in some instances, but the person who doesn't believe in paying doctors' bills isn't likely to be concerned about an interest penalty. At the same time, the patient who has a legitimate reason for late payment is likely to be antagonized by this maneuver. The doctor who intends to charge patients a penalty for late payment of bills should so inform them before he renders services.

Partners' Biggest Problem

Distribution of income among members is the biggest problem to be resolved in setting up a medical partnership, according to Joseph McElligott, New York City professional management consultant.

He said the income distribution problem includes determination of the starting salary levels for the partners and establishment of the date when the junior partner will begin sharing the income equally.

Partnership Reasons: McElligott said physicians form partnerships for four primary reasons:

- To share expenses.
- To share investment in equipment and facilities.
- To share the work load.
- To share the income.

Before considering a partnership, McElligott suggested a physician examine these factors:

- His present income.
- The growth potential of both the community and the individual physician.
- Outside pressures, such as establishment of practices by new physicians in the community.
- The proposed partner's value in

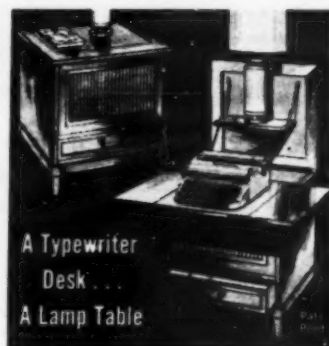
regard to ability, knowledge, and handling of patients.

• Personal commitments.

Investments: McElligott said physicians must have roots in a successful partnership and these roots sprout through investments in the organization by the incoming partner.

Investments can include a cash payment, equipment, contribution of one's accounts receivable to the partnership, signing of a note payable to the senior partner and gifts or bonuses of equity by the senior partner to the junior.

Benefits and obligations for and of the partners should be spelled out. These would include sick leave, retirement and death benefits, withdrawal terms and restrictive covenants—if desired.



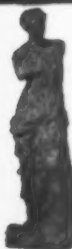
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Diagnosing Investments

Variable Annual Income Makes Budget Problem

By Merryly S. Rukeyser



A group of senior business executives have asked me to tell them how better to budget their family income and outgo. The fact is that even in the middle and upper income brackets, many are having trouble making both ends meet.

Those in ventures and professions such as doctors, dentists, and lawyers who have variable income from year to year, are especially vulnerable. They tend to get into a situation where living costs are fixed at a high plateau.

Sights Lifted: In bad years, it is difficult to back away from established commitments in the form of heavy interest, amortization and local taxes on real estate, the rigidity of life insurance and other insurance premiums, the momentum of maintaining a place in the community, and the sheer cost of food, shelter and comfort goods.

It has been routine to call attention to the fact that the buying power of the breadwinner's income since 1939 has been nicked badly by inflation and rising taxes. But there is a third factor which adds to the pressure against the household budget. This is the lifting of the sights of the average family as to what constitutes a decent standard of living.

By way of illustration, TV and air-conditioning have been added to family wants. These real gains in levels of average material well-being have been the fruits of an annual increment in productivity of 2½%.

Unreal Averages: It is important to remember that you cannot afford more merely because your wants have grown. The ability to procure more goods depends on your ability to produce more and hence to earn more.

The conventional household budget is worse than useless because it is compounded of the unrealities of national averages.

For example, millions of Americans are in debt, whereas other millions are free of debt and have net surpluses. But if you average the two divergent groups, the resultant figure has no significance.

I tried to dramatize this truism when Lamont du Pont, then head of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.,

and this writer were speakers at a business luncheon. I remarked it would be misleading to say that the average wealth of the two speakers was extremely high.

Special Reserves: A workable budget is one that expresses the unique qualities of the family, and which has the enthusiastic support of both spouses. Thus, one family with a love for culture and music will economize on rent and furniture in order to have adequate funds for cultural activities.

Instead of allocating 100% of income to various claimants, including shelter, food, clothing, durable goods, medical care, recreation, and insurance, it is well to set up special reserves for contingencies—for the unexpected.

People tend to overspend for a variety of reasons. They mistakenly think in terms of their gross income, whereas all they have is their disposal income. A second reason why they overspend in times of inflation and rising taxes is that their buying power may not be keeping pace with their costs. Thirdly, unless the will to discipline is uncommonly strong, there is a temptation to borrow against the future in order to gratify immediate appetites. This process consists of robbing an old man—and the old man is yourself 10 or 25 years from now.

Matter of Timing: Your free choice is enhanced when you have surplus reserves, not debts. Debts regiment you, and make you beholden to your creditors.

The remedy lies in recognizing that there is no issue between spending and saving. All income will be spent, but what is at stake is the timing of the expenditures. If you put reserves in savings institutions, in cash values in insurance policies, and in your portfolio of stocks and bonds, you will have the opportunity to spend in later years. And if you should not survive, your dear ones will be in a position to spend.

(Mr. Rukeyser will be pleased to receive inquiries from physicians concerning their financial problems. Letters, with self-addressed, stamped envelopes, should be sent in care of *The AMA News*, 535 N. Dearborn, Chicago 10, Ill.)

Safe Drivers Get Break On Auto Insurance Rates

Safety on the highways pays off in more ways than one. Now, if you're a safe driver who rarely, if ever, has an accident, you can get a reduction of as much as 20% in your auto insurance premiums in at least eight states.

In the past six months more than 30 safe-driver insurance plans have been announced. Such plans now are offered in Florida, Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa, California, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Vermont, and Michigan.

Others Pay More: While safe drivers are getting reductions through these "merit rating" plans, high risk drivers—those who have had several accidents—may have to pay as much

as 450% above what the safe driver pays for auto insurance.

Companies writing auto insurance also are cracking down on phony accident claims. A former FBI official heads a team of insurance investigators that will work with local officials across the country where there are numerous fraudulent accident claims.

This team hopes to find cases of collusion, with physicians, lawyers, and police officials working together to build up claims far greater than an accident injury calls for.

Insurance companies also will spend \$1 million a year in an effort to reduce the number of auto accidents. One of the principal aims of the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety is to convince states that unfit drivers should not be given licenses.

Compact Rates: One company is now offering car insurance for the new compact cars which is about 10% below rates on standard cars. There are three reasons for this: Drivers of the smaller cars are expected to be more conservative drivers, horsepower is less, repairs are less costly.

Another company offers nondrinkers—who will sign a statement to that effect—from 20% to 30% reduction. The "social" drinker can't qualify.

Last year the nearly 12 million auto accidents cost more than \$7 billion. Average cost of each accident: \$620. In the past five years, insurance officials say average for costs per claim has risen 20%.

Business Briefs

Chemical Stocks: During the past two decades, the chemical industry has been one of the most attractive fields for investment. Such companies as Union Carbide, Du Pont, Dow Chemical, Allied, Monsanto are well represented on lists of growth stocks. Since 1947-49 production of chemical and allied items has risen 83% in comparison with 34% for general industry. Du Pont had earnings of \$6.90 a common share in first nine months of 1959, compared with \$4.83 in 1958. Similarly, Union Carbide profit rose to \$4.22 this year from \$2.81 a year earlier.

Long Mortgages: Home buyers can save money by avoiding excessively long mortgage terms. For example, cost of interest on \$10,000 at 6% for 15 years is \$5,192. But for 30 years, it is \$11,600.

Note Registry: U.S. Treasury will announce soon a plan to register notes of three recent issues so only purchasers can redeem or sell them. The new four-year notes bear interest from 4½% to 5%.

Auto Shortage: Because auto manufacturers are getting short of steel, a shortage of 1960 models is developing, reports *U.S. News & World Report*. Shortage is worst since Korean War.

Income Tax: Federal income tax forms will be mailed in late December or early January. Post offices will have the various forms if you need a different type than one sent to you.

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'Florida Prescription' Deductible

A Newark, N.J., man, who wintered in Florida on the advice of an eminent heart specialist, was permitted to deduct his travel and housing costs as a medical expense.

In a ruling just issued (Bilder v. Commissioner, 33 TC No. 17), the Tax Court allowed the deductions for the years 1954 and 1955 because "the expenses would not have been made but for the advice of a physician."

According to the court, the taxpayer had atherosclerosis and had suffered four heart attacks, each resulting in a myocardial infarction. Treatment prescribed was to spend winters in a warm climate and take mild exercise.

Dicumerol was also prescribed. While in Florida, the taxpayer was under the supervision of a doctor qualified in the use of the drug.

According to a tax authority for the AMA, the key points in the case appear to be: (1) the warm climate had definite therapeutic value; (2) taxpayer was under medical supervision in Florida.

A Legal-Medical Crime Classic THE MURDER TRIAL OF WILLIAM PALMER, SURGEON

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Dr. Thomas A. Dooley received the Mutual of Omaha Criss Award on nationwide television network¹ November 10, 1959 from Dr. Charles Mayo of the Mayo Clinic, Chairman of the Distinguished Mutual of Omaha Criss Award Board of Judges. Dr. Dooley was selected as recipient of the gold medal and a check for \$10,000 for his exceptional work in bringing medical aid and solace to the people of Laos in Southeast Asia.

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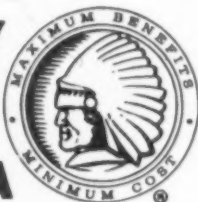
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